

Model categorical Koszul-Tate resolution for algebras over differential operators

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Abstract

Derived \mathcal{D} -Geometry is considered as a convenient language for a coordinate-free investigation of nonlinear partial differential equations (up to symmetries). One of the first issues one meets in the functor of points approach to derived \mathcal{D} -Geometry, is the question of a model structure on the category \mathcal{C} of differential non-negatively graded quasi-coherent commutative algebras over the sheaf \mathcal{D} of differential operators of an appropriate underlying variety. In [BPP15a], we described a cofibrantly generated model structure on \mathcal{C} via the definition of its weak equivalences and its fibrations. In the present article – the second of a series of works on the Batalin-Vilkovisky-formalism – we characterize the class of cofibrations, give explicit functorial cofibration-fibration factorizations, as well as explicit functorial fibrant and cofibrant replacement functors. We then use the latter to build a model categorical Koszul-Tate resolution for \mathcal{D} -algebraic ‘on-shell function’ algebras.

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1 Introduction

The study of systems of nonlinear PDE-s and their symmetries, via the functor of points approach to spaces and varieties, leads to derived \mathcal{D} -stacks, i.e., roughly, locally representable sheaves $\mathbf{DG}_+\mathbf{qcAlg}(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{SSet}$ valued in the category \mathbf{SSet} of simplicial sets and defined on the category $\mathbf{DG}_+\mathbf{qcAlg}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ of differential non-negatively graded commutative algebras – over the sheaf \mathcal{D}_X of differential operators of a smooth affine scheme X –, whose terms are quasi-coherent as modules over the function sheaf \mathcal{O}_X of X . The sheaf condition appears as the fibrant object condition of a model structure on the category of the corresponding presheaves. This structure depends on the model structure of the source category, which is equivalent to the category \mathbf{DGDA} of differential non-negatively graded commutative algebras over the total sections $\mathcal{D} := \mathcal{D}_X(X) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_X)$ of \mathcal{D}_X . In [BPP15a], we defined and

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studied a finitely generated model structure on \mathbf{DGDA} . In the present paper, we complete its description: we characterize cofibrations as the retracts of the relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebras. Further, we give explicit functorial ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorizations (as well as the corresponding functorial fibrant and cofibrant replacement functors). The latter are specific to the considered setting and are of course different from those provided, for arbitrary cofibrantly generated model categories, by the small object argument. Eventually, we review the \mathcal{D} -geometric counterpart \mathcal{R} of an algebra of on-shell functions and apply our machinery to find a model categorical Koszul-Tate (KT) resolution of \mathcal{R} . This resolution is a cofibrant replacement of \mathcal{R} in an appropriate coslice category of \mathbf{DGDA} . In contrast with

- the classical KT resolution constructed in coordinates [Bar10], for any regular on-shell irreducible gauge theory (as the Tate extension of the local Koszul resolution of a regular surface), and

- the compatibility complex KT resolution built in coordinates [Ver02], under regularity and off-shell reducibility conditions (existence of a finite formally exact compatibility complex),

the mentioned \mathcal{D} -geometric KT resolution, obtained from the cofibrant replacement functor of \mathbf{DGDA} , is functorial and exists without the preceding restrictive hypotheses.

In this series of papers, our final goal is to combine and generalize aspects of Vinogradov’s secondary calculus [Vin01], of the homotopical algebraic geometry (HAG) developed by Toën and Vezzosi [TV04, TV08], and the \mathcal{D} -geometry used by Beilinson and Drinfeld [BD04]. For Vinogradov, the fundamental category is roughly the homotopy category of the (coslice category under a fixed diffiety or \mathcal{D} -scheme [in particular, under a fixed affine \mathcal{D} -scheme or \mathcal{D} -algebra] of the) category \mathbf{DGDM} of differential graded \mathcal{D} -modules. In the present paper, we study the homotopy theory of ‘diffieties’ by describing a model structure on \mathbf{DGDA} : we investigate the \mathcal{D} -analog of Rational Homotopy Theory. On the other hand, HAG deals with the category \mathbf{DGCA} of differential graded commutative algebras over a commutative ring. To study partial differential equations, we have to switch to the category of differential graded commutative algebras over the sheaf of noncommutative rings of differential operators of a scheme or variety. Eventually, in comparison with the frame considered by Beilinson and Drinfeld, we aim at dealing not only with \mathcal{D} -schemes, but also with (derived) \mathcal{D} -stacks. We expect this context to be the correct setting for a coordinate-free gauge reduction – see [PP16] and [BPP16] for first results.

Let us emphasize that the special behavior of the noncommutative ring \mathcal{D} turns out to be a source of possibilities, as well as of problems. For instance, a differential graded commutative algebra (DGCA) A over a field or a commutative ring k is a differential graded k -module, endowed with a degree zero associative graded-commutative unital k -bilinear multiplication, for which the differential is a graded derivation. The extension of this concept to noncommutative rings R is not really considered in the literature. Indeed, the former definition of a DGCA over k is equivalent to saying that A is a commutative monoid in the category of differential graded k -modules. However, for noncommutative rings R , the category of differential graded (left) R -modules is not symmetric monoidal and the notion of commutative monoid is meaning-

less. In the case $R = \mathcal{D}$, we get differential graded (left) \mathcal{D} -modules and these *are* symmetric monoidal. But a commutative monoid is not exactly the noncommutative analog of a DGCA in the preceding sense: the multiplication is only \mathcal{O} -bilinear and, in addition, vector fields act on products as derivations. Further, although we largely avoid sheaves via the confinement to affine schemes – a necessary restriction, without which no projective model structure would exist on the relevant categories [Har97, Ex. III.6.2] –, sheaves and quasi-coherence do require a careful approach. Examples of more challenging aspects are the questions of flatness and projectivity of $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_X(X)$ viewed as $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ -module, the combination of ‘finite’ and ‘transfinite’ definitions and results, the functorial ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorizations...

Eventually, we hope that the present text and the one of [BPP15a] will be considered as self-contained, not only by researchers from different fields, like e.g., homotopical algebra, geometry, mathematical physics, but also by graduate students.

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2 Preliminaries

In the following, we freely use notation, definitions, and the results of [BPP15a]. For the convenience of the reader, we nevertheless recall some concepts and propositions in the present

section. For explanations on \mathcal{D} -modules, sheaves versus global sections, model categories, small objects, cofibrant generation, as well as on relative Sullivan algebras, we refer the reader to [BPP15a, Appendix].

Theorem 1. *For any unital ring R , the category $\mathbf{Ch}_+(R)$ of non-negatively graded chain complexes of left R -modules is a finitely (and thus a cofibrantly) generated model category (in the sense of [GS06] and in the sense of [Hov07]), with*

$$I = \{i_k : S_\bullet^{k-1} \rightarrow D_\bullet^k, k \geq 0\}$$

as its generating set of cofibrations and

$$J = \{\zeta_k : 0 \rightarrow D_\bullet^k, k \geq 1\}$$

as its generating set of trivial cofibrations. Here D_\bullet^k is the k -disc chain complex

$$D_\bullet^k : \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{(k)} R \xrightarrow{(k-1)} 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{(0)} 0, \quad (1)$$

S_\bullet^k is the k -sphere chain complex

$$S_\bullet^k : \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{(k)} 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{(0)} 0, \quad (2)$$

and i_k, ζ_k are the canonical chain maps. The weak equivalences of this model structure are the chain maps that induce an isomorphism in homology, the cofibrations are the injective chain maps with degree-wise projective cokernel (projective object in $\mathbf{Mod}(R)$), and the fibrations are the chain maps that are surjective in (strictly) positive degrees. Further, the trivial cofibrations are the injective chain maps i whose cokernel $\mathrm{coker}(i)$ is strongly projective as a chain complex (strongly projective object $\mathrm{coker}(i)$ in $\mathbf{Ch}_+(R)$, in the sense that, for any chain map $c : \mathrm{coker}(i) \rightarrow C$ and any chain map $p : D \rightarrow C$, there is a chain map $\ell : \mathrm{coker}(i) \rightarrow D$ such that $p \circ \ell = i$, if p is surjective in (strictly) positive degrees).

Proposition 1. *If X is a smooth affine algebraic variety, its global section functor yields an equivalence of symmetric monoidal categories*

$$\Gamma(X, \bullet) : (\mathbf{DG}_+\mathbf{qcMod}(\mathcal{D}_X), \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (\mathbf{DGDM}, \otimes_{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{O}) \quad (3)$$

between the category of differential non-negatively graded modules over the sheaf \mathcal{D}_X of differential operators on X , which are quasi-coherent as modules over the function sheaf \mathcal{O}_X , and the category of differential non-negatively graded modules over the ring $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_X(X)$ of global sections of \mathcal{D}_X . The tensor product is taken over the sheaf \mathcal{O}_X and over the algebra $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_X(X)$, respectively.

Proposition 2. *If X is a smooth affine algebraic variety, its global section functor induces an equivalence of categories*

$$\Gamma(X, \bullet) : \mathbf{DG}_+\mathbf{qcCAlg}(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{DGDA} \quad (4)$$

between the category of differential non-negatively graded \mathcal{O}_X -quasi-coherent commutative algebras over \mathcal{D}_X and the category of differential non-negatively graded commutative algebras over \mathcal{D} .

Proposition 3. *The graded symmetric tensor algebra functor \mathcal{S} and the forgetful functor For provide an adjoint pair*

$$\mathcal{S} : \text{DGDM} \rightleftarrows \text{DGDA} : \text{For}$$

between the category DGDM and the category DGDA .

Theorem 2. *The category DGDA of differential non-negatively graded commutative \mathcal{D} -algebras is a finitely (and thus a cofibrantly) generated model category (in the sense of [GS06] and in the sense of [Hov07]), with $\mathcal{S}(I) = \{\mathcal{S}(\iota_k) : \iota_k \in I\}$ as its generating set of cofibrations and $\mathcal{S}(J) = \{\mathcal{S}(\zeta_k) : \zeta_k \in J\}$ as its generating set of trivial cofibrations. The weak equivalences are the DGDA -morphisms that induce an isomorphism in homology. The fibrations are the DGDA -morphisms that are surjective in all positive degrees $p > 0$.*

Below, we will describe the cofibrations and functorial fibrant and cofibrant replacement functors.

The model structure on DGDA is obtained by Quillen transfer of the model structure on $\text{DGDM} = \text{Ch}_+(\mathcal{D})$. However, since \mathcal{D} -modules (resp., \mathcal{D} -algebras) are actually sheaves of modules (resp., sheaves of algebras), the category of differential graded \mathcal{D} -modules (resp., differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebras) over X , is rather $\text{DG}_+\text{qcMod}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ (resp., $\text{DG}_+\text{qcAlg}(\mathcal{D}_X)$). In view of Proposition 1 (resp., Proposition 2), the finitely generated model structure on DGDM (resp., DGDA) induces a finitely generated model structure on $\text{DG}_+\text{qcMod}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ (resp., $\text{DG}_+\text{qcAlg}(\mathcal{D}_X)$).

3 Description of DGDA -cofibrations

3.1 Relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebras

We recall the definition of relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebras [BPP15a].

If $(A, d_A) \in \text{DGDA}$ and if $(M, d_M) \in \text{DGDM}$, then $(A \otimes SM, d) \in \text{DGDA}$. The differential d_S of SM is canonically generated by d_M and the differential d of $A \otimes SM$ is given by

$$d = d_A \otimes \text{id} + \text{id} \otimes d_S. \quad (5)$$

If $V \in \text{GDM}$, we have $(V, 0) \in \text{DGDM}$ and $A \otimes SV \in \text{GDA}$. In the sequel, we equip this graded \mathcal{D} -algebra with a differential d that coincides with $d_A \otimes \text{id}$ on $A \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq A$, but not with some differential $\text{id} \otimes d_S$ on $1_A \otimes SV \simeq SV$. To distinguish such a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra from $(A \otimes SV, d)$ with differential (5), we denote it by $(A \boxtimes SV, d)$.

Definition 1. *A relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebra (RSDA) is a DGDA -morphism*

$$(A, d_A) \rightarrow (A \boxtimes SV, d)$$

that sends $a \in A$ to $a \otimes 1 \in A \boxtimes SV$. Here V is a free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module, which admits a homogeneous basis $(g_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$ that is indexed by a well-ordered set J , and is such that

$$dg_\alpha \in A \boxtimes SV_{<\alpha}, \quad (6)$$

for all $\alpha \in J$. In the last requirement, we set $V_{<\alpha} := \bigoplus_{\beta < \alpha} \mathcal{D} \cdot g_\beta$. We refer to Property (6) by saying that d is **lowering**. A RSDA with Property

$$\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow \deg g_\alpha \leq \deg g_\beta, \quad (7)$$

where $\deg g_\alpha$ is the degree of g_α (resp., with Property (5); over $(A, d_A) = (\mathcal{O}, 0)$) is called a **minimal RSDA** (resp., a **split RSDA**; a **Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebra** (SDA)).

The next lemma allows to define non-split RSDA-s, as well as DGDA-morphisms from such an RSDA into another differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra.

Lemma 1. *Let $(T, d_T) \in \text{DGDA}$, let $(g_j)_{j \in J}$ be a family of symbols of degree $n_j \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $V = \bigoplus_{j \in J} \mathcal{D} \cdot g_j$ be the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module with homogeneous basis $(g_j)_{j \in J}$.*

(i) To endow the graded \mathcal{D} -algebra $T \otimes \mathcal{S}V$ with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure d , it suffices to define

$$dg_j \in T_{n_j-1} \cap d_T^{-1}\{0\}, \quad (8)$$

to extend d as \mathcal{D} -linear map to V , and to equip $T \otimes \mathcal{S}V$ with the differential d given, for any $t \in T_p$, $v_1 \in V_{n_1}, \dots, v_k \in V_{n_k}$, by

$$d(t \otimes v_1 \odot \dots \odot v_k) = d_T(t) \otimes v_1 \odot \dots \odot v_k + (-1)^p \sum_{\ell=1}^k (-1)^{n_\ell \sum_{j < \ell} n_j} (t * d(v_\ell)) \otimes v_1 \odot \dots \widehat{\ell} \dots \odot v_k, \quad (9)$$

where $$ is the multiplication in T . If J is a well-ordered set, the natural map*

$$(T, d_T) \ni t \mapsto t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in (T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$$

is a RSDA.

(ii) Moreover, if $(B, d_B) \in \text{DGDA}$ and $p \in \text{DGDA}(T, B)$, it suffices – to define a morphism $q \in \text{DGDA}(T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, B)$ (where the differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra $(T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$ is constructed as described in (i)) – to define

$$q(g_j) \in B_{n_j} \cap d_B^{-1}\{p d(g_j)\}, \quad (10)$$

to extend q as \mathcal{D} -linear map to V , and to define q on $T \otimes \mathcal{S}V$ by

$$q(t \otimes v_1 \odot \dots \odot v_k) = p(t) \star q(v_1) \star \dots \star q(v_k), \quad (11)$$

where \star denotes the multiplication in B .

The reader might consider that the definition of $d(t \otimes f)$, $f \in \mathcal{O}$, is not an edge case of Definition (1); if so, it suffices to add the definition $d(t \otimes f) = d_T(t) \otimes f$. Note also that Definition (1) is the only possible one. Indeed, denote the multiplication in $T \otimes \mathcal{S}V$ (see Equation (13) in [BPP15a]) by \diamond and choose, to simplify, $k = 2$. Then, if d is any differential that is compatible with the graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure of $T \otimes \mathcal{S}V$, and coincides with $d_T(t) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq d_T(t)$ on any $t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq t \in T$ (since $(T, d_T) \rightarrow (T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$ must be a

\mathbf{DGDA} -morphism) and with $d(v) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq d(v)$ on any $1_T \otimes v \simeq v \in V$ (since $d(v) \in T$), we have necessarily

$$\begin{aligned}
d(t \otimes v_1 \odot v_2) &= \\
& d(t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_1) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_2) + \\
& (-1)^p (t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond d(1_T \otimes v_1) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_2) + \\
& (-1)^{p+n_1} (t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_1) \diamond d(1_T \otimes v_2) = \\
& (d_T(t) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_1) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_2) + \\
& (-1)^p (t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (d(v_1) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_2) + \\
& (-1)^{p+n_1} (t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes v_1) \diamond (d(v_2) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) = \\
& d_T(t) \otimes v_1 \odot v_2 + (-1)^p (t * d(v_1)) \otimes v_2 + (-1)^{p+n_1 n_2} (t * d(v_2)) \otimes v_1 .
\end{aligned}$$

An analogous remark holds for Definition (11).

Proof. It is easily checked that the RHS of Equation (1) is graded symmetric in its arguments v_i and \mathcal{O} -linear with respect to all arguments. Hence, the map d is a degree -1 \mathcal{O} -linear map that is well-defined on $T \otimes \mathcal{SV}$. To show that d endows $T \otimes \mathcal{SV}$ with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure, it remains to prove that d squares to 0, is \mathcal{D} -linear and is a graded derivation for \diamond . The last requirement follows immediately from the definition, for \mathcal{D} -linearity it suffices to prove linearity with respect to the action of vector fields – what is a straightforward verification –, whereas 2-nilpotency is a consequence of Condition (8). The proof of (ii) is similar. \square

We are now prepared to give an example of a minimal non-split \mathbf{RSDA} .

Example 1. Consider the generating cofibrations $\iota_n : S^{n-1} \rightarrow D^n$, $n \geq 1$, and $\iota_0 : 0 \rightarrow S^0$ of the model structure of \mathbf{DGDM} . The *pushouts* of the induced generating cofibrations

$$\psi_n = \mathcal{S}(\iota_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_0 = \mathcal{S}(\iota_0)$$

of the transferred model structure on \mathbf{DGDA} are important instances of minimal non-split \mathbf{RSDA} -s – see Figure 2 and Equations (12), (3.1), (14), (16), and (17).

Proof. We first consider a pushout diagram for $\psi := \psi_n$, for $n \geq 1$: see Figure 1, where $(T, d_T) \in \mathbf{DGDA}$ and where $\phi : (\mathcal{S}(S^{n-1}), 0) \rightarrow (T, d_T)$ is a \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism.

In the following, the generator of S^{n-1} (resp., the generators of D^n) will be denoted by 1_{n-1} (resp., by \mathbb{I}_n and $s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_n$, where s^{-1} is the desuspension operator).

Note that, since $\mathcal{S}(S^{n-1})$ is the free \mathbf{DGDA} over the \mathbf{DGDM} S^{n-1} , the \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism ϕ is uniquely defined by the \mathbf{DGDM} -morphism $\phi|_{S^{n-1}} : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \text{For}(T, d_T)$, where For is the forgetful functor. Similarly, since S^{n-1} is, as \mathbf{GDM} , free over its generator 1_{n-1} , the restriction

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{S}(S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & (T, d_T) \\
\psi \downarrow & & \\
\mathcal{S}(D^n) & &
\end{array}$$

Figure 1: Pushout diagram

$\phi|_{S^{n-1}}$ is, as \mathbf{GDM} -morphism, completely defined by its value $\phi(1_{n-1}) \in T_{n-1}$. The map $\phi|_{S^{n-1}}$ is then a $\mathbf{DGD\!M}$ -morphism if and only if we choose

$$\kappa_{n-1} := \phi(1_{n-1}) \in \ker_{n-1} d_T . \quad (12)$$

We now define the pushout of (ψ, ϕ) : see Figure 2. In the latter diagram, the differential

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{S}(S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & (T, d_T) \\
\psi \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\
\mathcal{S}(D^n) & \xrightarrow{j} & (T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n), d)
\end{array}$$

Figure 2: Completed pushout diagram

d of the \mathbf{GDA} $T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n)$ is defined as described in Lemma 1. Indeed, we deal here with the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module $S^n = S_n^n = \mathcal{D} \cdot 1_n$ and set

$$d(1_n) := \kappa_{n-1} = \phi(1_{n-1}) \in \ker_{n-1} d_T .$$

Hence, if $x_\ell \simeq x_\ell \cdot 1_n \in \mathcal{D} \cdot 1_n$, we get $d(x_\ell) = x_\ell \cdot \kappa_{n-1}$, and, if $t \in T_p$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& d(t \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot x_k) = \\
& d_T(t) \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot x_k + (-1)^p \sum_{\ell=1}^k (-1)^{n(\ell-1)} (t * (x_\ell \cdot \kappa_{n-1})) \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot \widehat{\ell} \dots \odot x_k , \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

see Equation (1). Eventually the map

$$i : (T, d_T) \ni t \mapsto t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in (T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n), d) \quad (14)$$

is a (minimal and non-split) \mathbf{RSDA} .

Just as ϕ , the $\mathbf{DGD\!A}$ -morphism j is completely defined if we define it as $\mathbf{DGD\!M}$ -morphism on D^n . The choices of $j(\mathbb{I}_n)$ and $j(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_n)$ define j as \mathbf{GDM} -morphism. The commutation condition of j with the differentials reads

$$j(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_n) = d j(\mathbb{I}_n) : \quad (15)$$

only $j(\mathbb{I}_n)$ can be chosen freely in $(T \otimes \mathcal{S}(S^n))_n$.

The diagram of Figure 2 is now fully described. To show that it commutes, observe that, since the involved maps ϕ, i, ψ , and j are all \mathbf{DGDA} -morphisms, it suffices to check commutation for the arguments $1_{\mathcal{O}}$ and 1_{n-1} . Only the second case is non-obvious; we get the condition

$$dj(\mathbb{I}_n) = \kappa_{n-1} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}. \quad (16)$$

It is easily seen that the unique solution is

$$j(\mathbb{I}_n) = 1_T \otimes 1_n \in (T \otimes \mathcal{S}(S^n))_n. \quad (17)$$

To prove that the commuting diagram of Figure 2 is the searched pushout, it now suffices to prove its universality. Therefore, take $(B, d_B) \in \mathbf{DGDA}$, as well as two \mathbf{DGDA} -morphisms $i' : (T, d_T) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$ and $j' : \mathcal{S}(D^n) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$, such that $j' \circ \psi = i' \circ \phi$, and show that there is a unique \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $\chi : (T \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n), d) \rightarrow (B, d_B)$, such that $\chi \circ i = i'$ and $\chi \circ j = j'$.

If χ exists, we have necessarily

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(t \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot x_k) &= \chi((t \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \diamond (1_T \otimes x_1) \diamond \dots \diamond (1_T \otimes x_k)) \\ &= \chi(i(t)) \star \chi(1_T \otimes x_1) \star \dots \star \chi(1_T \otimes x_k), \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where we used the same notation as above. Since any differential operator $x_i \simeq x_i \cdot 1_n$ is generated by functions and vector fields, we get

$$\chi(1_T \otimes x_i) = \chi(1_T \otimes x_i \cdot 1_n) = x_i \cdot \chi(1_T \otimes 1_n) = x_i \cdot \chi(j(\mathbb{I}_n)) = x_i \cdot j'(\mathbb{I}_n) = j'(x_i \cdot \mathbb{I}_n). \quad (19)$$

When combining (18) and (19), we see that, if χ exists, it is necessarily defined by

$$\chi(t \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot x_k) = i'(t) \star j'(x_1 \cdot \mathbb{I}_n) \star \dots \star j'(x_k \cdot \mathbb{I}_n). \quad (20)$$

This solves the question of uniqueness.

We now convince ourselves that (20) defines a \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism χ (let us mention explicitly that we set in particular $\chi(t \otimes f) = f \cdot i'(t)$, if $f \in \mathcal{O}$). It is straightforwardly verified that χ is a well-defined \mathcal{D} -linear map of degree 0 from $T \otimes \mathcal{S}(S^n)$ to B , which respects the multiplications and the units. The interesting point is the chain map property of χ . Indeed, consider, to simplify, the argument $t \otimes x$, what will disclose all relevant insights. Assume again that $t \in T_p$ and $x \in S^n$, and denote the differential of $\mathcal{S}(D^n)$, just as its restriction to D^n , by s^{-1} . It follows that

$$d_B(\chi(t \otimes x)) = i'(d_T(t)) \star j'(x \cdot \mathbb{I}_n) + (-1)^p i'(t) \star j'(x \cdot s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_n).$$

Since $\psi(1_{n-1}) = s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_n$ and $j' \circ \psi = i' \circ \phi$, we obtain $j'(s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_n) = i'(\phi(1_{n-1})) = i'(\kappa_{n-1})$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} d_B(\chi(t \otimes x)) &= \chi(d_T(t) \otimes x) + (-1)^p i'(t) \star i'(x \cdot \kappa_{n-1}) = \\ &= \chi(d_T(t) \otimes x + (-1)^p t \star (x \cdot \kappa_{n-1})) = \chi(d(t \otimes x)). \end{aligned}$$

As afore-mentioned, no new feature appears, if we replace $t \otimes x$ by a general argument.

As the conditions $\chi \circ i = i'$ and $\chi \circ j = j'$ are easily checked, this completes the proof of the statement that any pushout of any ψ_n , $n \geq 1$, is a minimal non-split RSDA.

The proof of the similar claim for ψ_0 is analogous and even simpler, and will not be detailed here. \square

Actually pushouts of ψ_0 are border cases of pushouts of the ψ_n -s, $n \geq 1$. In other words, to obtain a pushout of ψ_0 , it suffices to set, in Figure 2 and in Equation (3.1), the degree n to 0. Since we consider exclusively non-negatively graded complexes, we then get $\mathcal{S}(S^{-1}) = \mathcal{S}(0) = \mathcal{O}$, $\mathcal{S}(D^0) = \mathcal{S}(S^0)$, and $\kappa_{-1} = 0$.

3.2 DGDA-cofibrations

The following theorem characterizes the cofibrations of the cofibrantly generated model structure we constructed on \mathbf{DGDA} .

Theorem 3. *The DGDA-cofibrations are exactly the retracts of the relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebras.*

We first prove the following lemma.

Lemma 2. *The DGDA-cofibrations are exactly the retracts of the transfinite compositions of pushouts of generating cofibrations*

$$\psi_n : \mathcal{S}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(D^n), \quad n \geq 0.$$

Proof. For concise additional information on model categories, we refer to [BPP15a, Appendices 8.4 and 8.6].

In any cofibrantly generated model category \mathbf{M} with generating cofibrations I , every cofibration is a retract of an I -cell [Hov07, Proposition 2.1.18]. Moreover, in view of [Hov07, Lemma 2.1.10], we have

$$I\text{-cell} \subset \text{LLP}(\text{RLP}(I)) = \text{Cof}. \quad (21)$$

Since cofibrations are closed under retracts, it follows that any retract of an I -cell is a cofibration. Hence, cofibrations are exactly the retracts of the I -cells, i.e., the retracts of the transfinite compositions of pushouts of elements of I . For $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{DGDA}$, we thus find that the cofibrations are the retracts of the transfinite compositions of pushouts of ψ_n -s, $n \geq 0$. \square

The proof of Theorem 3 thus reduces to the proof of

Theorem 4. *The transfinite compositions of pushouts of ψ_n -s, $n \geq 0$, are exactly the relative Sullivan \mathcal{D} -algebras.*

Lemma 3. *For any $M, N \in \mathbf{DGDM}$, we have*

$$\mathcal{S}(M \oplus N) \simeq \mathcal{S}M \otimes \mathcal{S}N$$

in \mathbf{DGDA} .

Proof. It suffices to remember that the binary coproduct in the category $\mathbf{DGD\!M} = \mathbf{Ch}_+(\mathcal{D})$ (resp., the category $\mathbf{DGDA} = \mathbf{CMon}(\mathbf{DGD\!M})$) of non-negatively graded chain complexes of \mathcal{D} -modules (resp., the category of commutative monoids in $\mathbf{DGD\!M}$) is the direct sum (resp., the tensor product). The conclusion then follows from the facts that \mathcal{S} is the left adjoint of the forgetful functor and that any left adjoint commutes with colimits. \square

Any ordinal is zero, a successor ordinal, or a limit ordinal. We denote the class of all successor ordinals (resp., all limit ordinals) by \mathfrak{O}_s (resp., \mathfrak{O}_ℓ).

Proof of Theorem 4. (i) Consider an ordinal λ and a λ -sequence in \mathbf{DGDA} , i.e., a colimit respecting functor $X : \lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{DGDA}$ (here λ is viewed as the category whose objects are the ordinals $\alpha < \lambda$ and which contains a unique morphism $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \leq \beta$):

$$X_0 \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots X_\omega \rightarrow X_{\omega+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

We assume that, for any α such that $\alpha + 1 < \lambda$, the morphism $X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha+1}$ is a pushout of some $\psi_{n_{\alpha+1}}$ ($n_{\alpha+1} \geq 0$). Then the morphism $X_0 \rightarrow \operatorname{colim}_{\alpha < \lambda} X_\alpha$ is exactly what we call a transfinite composition of pushouts of ψ_n -s. Our task is to show that this morphism is a \mathbf{RSDA} .

We first compute the terms X_α , $\alpha < \lambda$, of the λ -sequence, then we determine its colimit. For $\alpha < \lambda$ (resp., for $\alpha < \lambda, \alpha \in \mathfrak{O}_s$), we denote the differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra X_α (resp., the \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $X_{\alpha-1} \rightarrow X_\alpha$) by (A_α, d_α) (resp., by $X_{\alpha, \alpha-1} : (A_{\alpha-1}, d_{\alpha-1}) \rightarrow (A_\alpha, d_\alpha)$). Since $X_{\alpha, \alpha-1}$ is the pushout of some ψ_{n_α} and some \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism ϕ_α , its target algebra is of the form

$$(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) = (A_{\alpha-1} \boxtimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\alpha \rangle, d_\alpha) \quad (22)$$

and $X_{\alpha, \alpha-1}$ is the canonical inclusion

$$X_{\alpha, \alpha-1} : (A_{\alpha-1}, d_{\alpha-1}) \ni \mathbf{a}_{\alpha-1} \mapsto \mathbf{a}_{\alpha-1} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in (A_{\alpha-1} \boxtimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\alpha \rangle, d_\alpha), \quad (23)$$

see Example 1. Here a_α is the generator 1_{n_α} of S^{n_α} and $\langle a_\alpha \rangle$ is the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module $S^{n_\alpha} = \mathcal{D} \cdot a_\alpha$ concentrated in degree n_α ; further, the differential

$$d_\alpha \text{ is defined by (3.1) from } d_{\alpha-1} \text{ and } \kappa_{n_\alpha-1} := \phi_\alpha(1_{n_\alpha-1}). \quad (24)$$

In particular, $A_1 = A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_1 \rangle$, $d_1(a_1) = \kappa_{n_1-1} = \phi_1(1_{n_1-1}) \in A_0$, and $X_{10} : A_0 \rightarrow A_1$ is the inclusion.

Lemma 4. *For any $\alpha < \lambda$, we have*

$$A_\alpha \simeq A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta \leq \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{O}_s \rangle \quad (25)$$

as a graded \mathcal{D} -algebra, and

$$d_\alpha(a_\delta) \in A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta, \varepsilon \in \mathfrak{O}_s \rangle, \quad (26)$$

for all $\delta \leq \alpha$, $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s$. Moreover, for any $\gamma \leq \beta \leq \alpha < \lambda$, we have

$$A_\beta = A_\gamma \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \gamma < \delta \leq \beta, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle$$

and the \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $X_{\beta\gamma}$ is the natural inclusion

$$X_{\beta\gamma} : (A_\gamma, d_\gamma) \ni \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \mapsto \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in (A_\beta, d_\beta) . \quad (27)$$

Since the latter statement holds in particular for $\gamma = 0$ and $\beta = \alpha$, the \mathbf{DGDA} -inclusion $X_{\alpha 0} : (A_0, d_0) \rightarrow (A_\alpha, d_\alpha)$ is a \mathbf{RSDA} (for the natural ordering of $\{a_\delta : \delta \leq \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s\}$).

Proof of Lemma 4. To prove that this claim (i.e., Equations (25) – (27)) is valid for all ordinals that are smaller than λ , we use a transfinite induction. Since the assertion obviously holds for $\alpha = 1$, it suffices to prove these properties for $\alpha < \lambda$, assuming that they are true for all $\beta < \alpha$. We distinguish (as usually in transfinite induction) the cases $\alpha \in \mathfrak{D}_s$ and $\alpha \in \mathfrak{D}_\ell$.

If $\alpha \in \mathfrak{D}_s$, it follows from Equation (22), from the induction assumption, and from Lemma 3, that

$$A_\alpha = A_{\alpha-1} \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\alpha \rangle \simeq A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta \leq \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle ,$$

as graded \mathcal{D} -algebra. Further, in view of Equation (24) and the induction hypothesis, we get

$$d_\alpha(a_\alpha) = \phi_\alpha(1_{n_\alpha-1}) \in A_{\alpha-1} = A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta < \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle ,$$

and, for $\delta \leq \alpha - 1$, $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s$,

$$d_\alpha(a_\delta) = d_{\alpha-1}(a_\delta) \in A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\gamma : \gamma < \delta, \gamma \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle .$$

Finally, as concerns $X_{\beta\gamma}$, the unique case to check is $\gamma \leq \alpha - 1$ and $\beta = \alpha$. The \mathbf{DGDA} -map $X_{\alpha-1,\gamma}$ is an inclusion

$$X_{\alpha-1,\gamma} : A_\gamma \ni \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \mapsto \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in A_{\alpha-1}$$

(by induction), and so is the \mathbf{DGDA} -map

$$X_{\alpha,\alpha-1} : A_{\alpha-1} \ni \mathfrak{a}_{\alpha-1} \mapsto \mathfrak{a}_{\alpha-1} \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in A_\alpha$$

(in view of (23)). The composite $X_{\alpha\gamma}$ is thus a \mathbf{DGDA} -inclusion as well.

In the case $\alpha \in \mathfrak{D}_\ell$, i.e., $\alpha = \text{colim}_{\beta < \alpha} \beta$, we obtain $(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) = \text{colim}_{\beta < \alpha} (A_\beta, d_\beta)$ in \mathbf{DGDA} , since X is a colimit respecting functor. The index set α is well-ordered, hence, it is a directed poset. Moreover, for any $\delta \leq \gamma \leq \beta < \alpha$, the \mathbf{DGDA} -maps $X_{\beta\delta}$, $X_{\gamma\delta}$, and $X_{\beta\gamma}$ satisfy $X_{\beta\delta} = X_{\beta\gamma} \circ X_{\gamma\delta}$. It follows that the family $(A_\beta, d_\beta)_{\beta < \alpha}$, together with the family $X_{\beta\gamma}$, $\gamma \leq \beta < \alpha$, is a direct system in \mathbf{DGDA} , whose morphisms are, in view of the induction assumption, natural inclusions

$$X_{\beta\gamma} : A_\gamma \ni \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \mapsto \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in A_\beta .$$

The colimit $(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) = \text{colim}_{\beta < \alpha} (A_\beta, d_\beta)$ is thus a direct limit. We proved in [BPP15a] that a direct limit in \mathbf{DGDA} coincides with the corresponding direct limit in \mathbf{DGDM} , or even in \mathbf{Set}

(which is then naturally endowed with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure). As a set, the direct limit $(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) = \operatorname{colim}_{\beta < \alpha} (A_\beta, d_\beta)$ is given by

$$A_\alpha = \coprod_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta / \sim ,$$

where \sim means that we identify \mathfrak{a}_γ , $\gamma \leq \beta$, with

$$\mathfrak{a}_\gamma \sim X_{\beta\gamma}(\mathfrak{a}_\gamma) = \mathfrak{a}_\gamma \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} ,$$

i.e., that we identify A_γ with

$$A_\gamma \sim A_\gamma \otimes \mathcal{O} \subset A_\beta .$$

It follows that

$$A_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta = A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta < \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle = A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta \leq \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle .$$

As just mentioned, this set A_α can naturally be endowed with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure. For instance, since, in view of what has been said, all \sim -classes consist of a single element, and since any $\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \in A_\alpha$ belongs to some A_β , $\beta < \alpha$, the differential d_α is defined by $d_\alpha(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha) = d_\beta(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha)$. In particular, any generator a_δ , $\delta \leq \alpha$, $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s$, belongs to A_δ . Hence, by definition of d_α and in view of the induction assumption, we get

$$d_\alpha(a_\delta) = d_\delta(a_\delta) \in A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta, \varepsilon \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle .$$

Eventually, since X is colimit respecting, not only $A_\alpha = \operatorname{colim}_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$, but, furthermore, for any $\gamma < \alpha$, the DGDA -morphism $X_{\alpha\gamma} : A_\gamma \rightarrow A_\alpha$ is the map $X_{\alpha\gamma} : A_\gamma \rightarrow \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$, i.e., the canonical inclusion. \square

We now come back to the proof of Part (i) of Theorem 4, i.e., we now explain why the morphism $i : (A_0, d_0) \rightarrow C$, where $C = \operatorname{colim}_{\alpha < \lambda} (A_\alpha, d_\alpha)$ and where i is the first of the morphisms that are part of the colimit construction, is a RSDA – see above. If $\lambda \in \mathfrak{D}_s$, the colimit C coincides with $(A_{\lambda-1}, d_{\lambda-1})$ and $i = X_{\lambda-1,0}$. Hence, the morphism i is a RSDA in view of Lemma 4. If $\lambda \in \mathfrak{D}_\ell$, the colimit $C = \operatorname{colim}_{\alpha < \lambda} (A_\alpha, d_\alpha)$ is, like above, the direct limit of the direct DGDA -system $(X_\alpha = (A_\alpha, d_\alpha), X_{\alpha\beta})$ indexed by the directed poset λ , whose morphisms $X_{\alpha\beta}$ are, in view of Lemma 4, canonical inclusions. Hence, C is again an ordinary union:

$$C = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} A_\alpha = A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta < \lambda, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle , \quad (28)$$

where the last equality is due to Lemma 4. We define the differential d_C on C exactly as we defined the differential d_α on the direct limit in the proof of Lemma 4. It is then straightforwardly checked that i is a RSDA .

(ii) We still have to show that any $\operatorname{RSDA} (A_0, d_0) \rightarrow (A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{SV}, d)$ can be constructed as a transfinite composition of pushouts of generating cofibrations ψ_n , $n \geq 0$. Let $(a_j)_{j \in J}$ be the

basis of the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module V . Since J is a well-ordered set, it is order-isomorphic to a unique ordinal $\mu = \{0, 1, \dots, n, \dots, \omega, \omega + 1, \dots\}$, whose elements can thus be utilized to label the basis vectors. However, we prefer using the following order-respecting relabelling of these vectors:

$$a_0 \rightsquigarrow a_1, a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_2, \dots, a_n \rightsquigarrow a_{n+1}, \dots, a_\omega \rightsquigarrow a_{\omega+1}, a_{\omega+1} \rightsquigarrow a_{\omega+2}, \dots$$

In other words, the basis vectors of V can be labelled by the successor ordinals that are strictly smaller than $\lambda := \mu + 1$ (this is true, whether $\mu \in \mathfrak{D}_s$, or $\mu \in \mathfrak{D}_\ell$):

$$V = \bigoplus_{\delta < \lambda, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s} \mathcal{D} \cdot a_\delta.$$

For any $\alpha < \lambda$, we now set

$$(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) := (A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\delta : \delta \leq \alpha, \delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle, d|_{A_\alpha}).$$

It is clear that A_α is a graded \mathcal{D} -subalgebra of $A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}V$. Since A_α is generated, as an algebra, by the elements of the types $\mathfrak{a}_0 \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}$ and $D \cdot (1_{A_0} \otimes a_\delta)$, $D \in \mathcal{D}$, $\delta \leq \alpha$, $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_s$, and since

$$d(\mathfrak{a}_0 \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) = d_0(\mathfrak{a}_0) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}} \in A_\alpha$$

and

$$d(D \cdot (1_{A_0} \otimes a_\delta)) \in A_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_\varepsilon : \varepsilon < \delta, \varepsilon \in \mathfrak{D}_s \rangle \subset A_\alpha,$$

the derivation d stabilizes A_α . Hence, $(A_\alpha, d_\alpha) = (A_\alpha, d|_{A_\alpha})$ is actually a differential graded \mathcal{D} -subalgebra of $(A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$.

If $\beta \leq \alpha < \lambda$, the algebra $(A_\beta, d|_{A_\beta})$ is a differential graded \mathcal{D} -subalgebra of $(A_\alpha, d|_{A_\alpha})$, so that the canonical inclusion $i_{\alpha\beta} : (A_\beta, d_\beta) \rightarrow (A_\alpha, d_\alpha)$ is a \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism. In view of the techniques used in (i), it is obvious that the functor $X = (A_-, d_-) : \lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{DGDA}$ respects colimits, and that the colimit of the whole λ -sequence (remember that $\lambda = \mu + 1 \in \mathfrak{D}_s$) is the algebra $(A_\mu, d_\mu) = (A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$, i.e., the original algebra.

The \mathbf{RSDA} $(A_0, d_0) \rightarrow (A_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{S}V, d)$ has thus been built as transfinite composition of canonical \mathbf{DGDA} -inclusions $i : (A_\alpha, d_\alpha) \rightarrow (A_{\alpha+1}, d_{\alpha+1})$, $\alpha + 1 < \lambda$. Recall that

$$A_{\alpha+1} = A_\alpha \otimes \mathcal{S}\langle a_{\alpha+1} \rangle \simeq A_\alpha \otimes \mathcal{S}(S^n),$$

if we set $n := \deg(a_{\alpha+1})$. It suffices to show that i is a pushout of ψ_n , see Figure 3. We will detail the case $n \geq 1$. Since all the differentials are restrictions of d , we have $\kappa_{n-1} := d_{\alpha+1}(a_{\alpha+1}) \in A_\alpha \cap \ker_{n-1} d_\alpha$, and $\phi(1_{n-1}) := \kappa_{n-1}$ defines a \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism ϕ , see Example 1. When using the construction described in Example 1, we get the pushout $i : (A_\alpha, d_\alpha) \rightarrow (A_\alpha \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n), \partial)$ of the morphisms ψ_n and ϕ . Here i is the usual canonical inclusion and ∂ is the differential defined by Equation (3.1). It thus suffices to check that $\partial = d_{\alpha+1}$. Let $\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \in A_\alpha^p$ and let $x_1 \simeq x_1 \cdot a_{\alpha+1}, \dots, x_k \simeq x_k \cdot a_{\alpha+1} \in \mathcal{D} \cdot a_{\alpha+1} = S^n$. Assume, to simplify, that $k = 2$; the

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{S}(S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & (A_\alpha, d_\alpha) \\
\psi_n \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\
\mathcal{S}(D^n) & \xrightarrow{j} & (A_\alpha \boxtimes \mathcal{S}(S^n), d_{\alpha+1})
\end{array}$$

Figure 3: i as pushout of ψ_n

general case is similar. When denoting the multiplication in A_α (resp., $A_{\alpha+1} = A_\alpha \otimes \mathcal{S}(S^n)$) as usual by $*$ (resp., \star), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes x_1 \odot x_2) = \\
& d_\alpha(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha) \otimes x_1 \odot x_2 + (-1)^p(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha * (x_1 \cdot \kappa_{n-1})) \otimes x_2 + (-1)^{p+n}(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha * (x_2 \cdot \kappa_{n-1})) \otimes x_1 = \\
& (d_\alpha(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_1) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_2) + \\
& (-1)^p(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star ((x_1 \cdot \kappa_{n-1}) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_2) + \\
& (-1)^{p+n}(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_1) \star ((x_2 \cdot \kappa_{n-1}) \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) = \\
& d_{\alpha+1}(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_1) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_2) + \\
& (-1)^p(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star d_{\alpha+1}(1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_1) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_2) + \\
& (-1)^{p+n}(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes 1_{\mathcal{O}}) \star (1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_1) \star d_{\alpha+1}(1_{A_\alpha} \otimes x_2) = \\
& d_{\alpha+1}(\mathfrak{a}_\alpha \otimes x_1 \odot x_2) .
\end{aligned}$$

□

4 Explicit functorial cofibration – fibration decompositions

In [BPP15a, Theorem 4], we proved that any \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ admits a functorial factorization

$$A \xrightarrow{i} A \otimes \mathcal{S}U \xrightarrow{p} B , \quad (29)$$

where p is a fibration and i is a weak equivalence, as well as a split minimal \mathbf{RSDA} . In view of Theorem 3 of the present paper, the morphism i is thus a cofibration, with the result that we actually constructed a natural decomposition $\phi = p \circ i$ of an arbitrary \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism ϕ into $i \in \mathbf{TrivCof}$ and $p \in \mathbf{Fib}$. The description of this factorization is summarized below, in Theorem 5, which provides essentially an explicit natural ‘Cof – TrivFib’ decomposition

$$A \xrightarrow{i'} A \otimes \mathcal{S}U' \xrightarrow{p'} B . \quad (30)$$

Since the model category \mathbf{DGDA} is cofibrantly generated with generating cofibrations (resp., trivial cofibrations) $\mathcal{S}(I)$ (resp., $\mathcal{S}(J)$), it admits as well functorial factorizations ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ given by the small object argument (SOA). The latter general technique factors a morphism $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ into morphisms

$$A \xrightarrow{i} C \xrightarrow{p} B \quad (31)$$

that are obtained as the colimit of a sequence

$$A \xrightarrow{i_n} C_n \xrightarrow{p_n} B ,$$

in a way such that $p \in \text{RLP}(\mathcal{S}(J)) = \text{Fib}$ (resp., $p \in \text{RLP}(\mathcal{S}(I)) = \text{TrivFib}$). The idea is that, in view of the smallness of the sources in $\mathcal{S}(J)$ (resp., $\mathcal{S}(I)$), each commutative square with right down arrow $p : C \rightarrow B$ that must admit a lift, factors through a commutative square with right down arrow $p_n : C_n \rightarrow B$, and that it therefore suffices to construct C_{n+1} in a way such that ‘it contains the required lift’. More details can be found in Appendix 6.1.

The decompositions (29) and (30) are \mathbf{DGDA} -specific and different from the general SOA-factorizations (31). Further, they implement less abstract, in some sense Koszul-Tate type, functorial fibrant and cofibrant resolution functors.

Before stating the afore-mentioned Theorem 5, we sketch the construction of the factorization (30). To simplify, we denote algebras of the type $A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_k$ by R_{V_k} , or simply R_k .

We start from the ‘small’ ‘Cof – Fib’ decomposition (29) of a \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $A \xrightarrow{\phi} B$, i.e., from the factorization $A \xrightarrow{i} R_U \xrightarrow{p} B$, see [BPP15a, Section 7.7]. To find a substitute q for p , which is a trivial fibration, *we mimic an idea used in the construction of the Koszul-Tate resolution: we add generators to improve homological properties.*

Note first that $H(p)$ is surjective if, for any homology class $[\beta_n] \in H_n(B)$, there is a class $[\rho_n] \in H_n(R_U)$, such that $[p \rho_n] = [\beta_n]$. Hence, consider all the homology classes $[\beta_n]$, $n \geq 0$, of B , choose in each class a representative $\dot{\beta}_n \simeq [\beta_n]$, and add generators $\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}$ to those of U . It then suffices to extend the differential d_1 (resp., the fibration p) defined on $R_U = A \otimes \mathcal{SU}$, so that the differential of $\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}$ vanishes (resp., so that the projection of $\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}$ coincides with $\dot{\beta}_n$) (\triangleright_1 – this triangle is just a mark that allows us to retrieve this place later on). To get a *functorial* ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorization, we do not add a new generator $\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}$, for each homology class $\dot{\beta}_n \simeq [\beta_n] \in H_n(B)$, $n \geq 0$, but we add a new generator \mathbb{I}_{β_n} , for each cycle $\beta_n \in \ker_n d_B$, $n \geq 0$. Let us implement this idea in a rigorous manner. Assign the degree n to \mathbb{I}_{β_n} and set

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &:= U \oplus G_0 := U \oplus \langle \mathbb{I}_{\beta_n} : \beta_n \in \ker_n d_B, n \geq 0 \rangle = \\ &\langle s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{\beta_n} : b_n \in B_n, n > 0, \beta_n \in \ker_n d_B, n \geq 0 \rangle . \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Set now

$$\delta_{V_0}(s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = d_1(s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = 0, \quad \delta_{V_0} \mathbb{I}_{b_n} = d_1 \mathbb{I}_{b_n} = s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \quad \delta_{V_0} \mathbb{I}_{\beta_n} = 0 , \quad (33)$$

thus defining, in view of [BPP15a, Lemma 1], a differential graded \mathcal{D} -module structure on V_0 . It follows that $(\mathcal{S}V_0, \delta_{V_0}) \in \mathbf{DGDA}$ and that

$$(R_0, \delta_0) := (A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_0, d_A \otimes \text{id} + \text{id} \otimes \delta_{V_0}) \in \mathbf{DGDA} . \quad (34)$$

Similarly, we set

$$q_{V_0}(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = p(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = \varepsilon(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = d_B b_n, \quad q_{V_0}\mathbb{I}_{b_n} = p\mathbb{I}_{b_n} = \varepsilon\mathbb{I}_{b_n} = b_n, \quad q_{V_0}\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n} = \beta_n . \quad (35)$$

We thus obtain [BPP15a, Lemma 2] a morphism $q_{V_0} \in \mathbf{DGDM}(V_0, B)$ – which uniquely extends to a morphism $q_{V_0} \in \mathbf{DGDA}(\mathcal{S}V_0, B)$. Finally,

$$q_0 = \mu_B \circ (\phi \otimes q_{V_0}) \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R_0, B) , \quad (36)$$

where μ_B denotes the multiplication in B . Let us emphasize that $R_U = A \otimes \mathcal{S}U$ is a direct summand of $R_0 = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_0$, and that δ_0 and q_0 just extend the corresponding morphisms on R_U : $\delta_0|_{R_U} = d_1$ and $q_0|_{R_U} = p$.

So far we ensured that $H(q_0) : H(R_0) \rightarrow H(B)$ is surjective; however, it must be injective as well, i.e., for any $\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_0$, $n \geq 0$, such that $H(q_0)[\sigma_n] = 0$, i.e., such that $q_0\sigma_n \in \text{im } d_B$, there should exist $\sigma_{n+1} \in R_0$ such that

$$\sigma_n = \delta_0\sigma_{n+1} . \quad (37)$$

We denote by \mathcal{B}_0 the set of δ_0 -cycles that are sent to d_B -boundaries by q_0 :

$$\mathcal{B}_0 = \{\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_0 : q_0\sigma_n \in \text{im } d_B, n \geq 0\} .$$

In principle it now suffices to add, to the generators of V_0 , generators $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^1$ of degree $n+1$, $\sigma_n \in \mathcal{B}_0$, and to extend the differential δ_0 on R_0 so that the differential of $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^1$ coincides with σ_n (\triangleright_2). However, it turns out that to obtain a *functorial* ‘Cof – TrivFib’ decomposition, we must add a new generator $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1$ of degree $n+1$, for each pair $(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1})$ such that $\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_0$ and $q_0\sigma_n = d_B \mathbf{b}_{n+1}$: we set

$$\mathfrak{B}_0 = \{(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) : \sigma_n \in \ker \delta_0, \mathbf{b}_{n+1} \in d_B^{-1}\{q_0\sigma_n\}, n \geq 0\} \quad (38)$$

and

$$V_1 := V_0 \oplus G_1 := V_0 \oplus \langle \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1 : (\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{B}_0 \rangle . \quad (39)$$

To endow the graded \mathcal{D} -algebra

$$R_1 := A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_1 \simeq R_0 \otimes \mathcal{S}G_1 \quad (40)$$

with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure δ_1 , we apply Lemma 1 (of the present paper), with

$$\delta_1(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1) = \sigma_n \in (R_0)_n \cap \ker \delta_0 , \quad (41)$$

exactly as suggested by Equation (37). The differential δ_1 is then given by Equation (1) and it extends the differential δ_0 on R_0 . The extension of the DGDA -morphism $q_0 : R_0 \rightarrow B$ by a DGDA -morphism $q_1 : R_1 \rightarrow B$ is built from its definition

$$q_1(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1) = \mathbf{b}_{n+1} \in B_{n+1} \cap d_B^{-1}\{q_0\delta_1(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1)\} \quad (42)$$

on the generators and from Equation (11) in Lemma 1.

Eventually, starting from $(R_U, d_1) \in \text{DGDA}$ and $p \in \text{DGDA}(R_U, B)$, we end up – when trying to make $H(p)$ bijective – with $(R_1, \delta_1) \in \text{DGDA}$ and $q_1 \in \text{DGDA}(R_1, B)$ – so that now $H(q_1) : H(R_1) \rightarrow H(B)$ must be bijective. Since (R_1, δ_1) extends (R_0, δ_0) and $H(q_0) : H(R_0) \rightarrow H(B)$ is surjective, it is easily checked that this property holds a fortiori for $H(q_1)$. However, when working with $R_1 \supset R_0$, the ‘critical set’ $\mathcal{B}_1 \supset \mathcal{B}_0$ increases, so that we must add new generators $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^2$, $\sigma_n \in \mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \mathcal{B}_0$, where

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \{\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_1 : q_1\sigma_n \in \text{im } d_B, n \geq 0\} . \quad (\triangleright_3)$$

To build a *functorial* factorization, we consider not only the ‘critical set’

$$\mathfrak{B}_1 = \{(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) : \sigma_n \in \ker \delta_1, \mathbf{b}_{n+1} \in d_B^{-1}\{q_1\sigma_n\}, n \geq 0\} , \quad (43)$$

but also the module of new generators

$$G_2 = \langle \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^2 : (\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{B}_1 \rangle , \quad (44)$$

indexed, not by $\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \mathcal{B}_0$, but by \mathfrak{B}_1 . Hence an iteration of the procedure (38) - (42) and the definition of a sequence

$$(R_0, \delta_0) \rightarrow (R_1, \delta_1) \rightarrow (R_2, \delta_2) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (R_{k-1}, \delta_{k-1}) \rightarrow (R_k, \delta_k) \rightarrow \dots$$

of canonical inclusions of differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebras (R_k, δ_k) , $R_k = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_k$, $\delta_k|_{R_{k-1}} = \delta_{k-1}$, together with a sequence of DGDA -morphisms $q_k : R_k \rightarrow B$, such that $q_k|_{R_{k-1}} = q_{k-1}$. The definitions of the differentials δ_k and the morphisms q_k are obtained inductively, and are based on Lemma 1, as well as on equations of the same type as (41) and (42).

The direct limit of this sequence is a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra $(R_V, d_2) = (A \otimes \mathcal{S}V, d_2)$, together with a morphism $q : A \otimes \mathcal{S}V \rightarrow B$.

As a set, the colimit of the considered system of canonically included algebras (R_k, δ_k) , is just the union of the sets R_k , see Equation (28). We proved above that this set-theoretical inductive limit can be endowed in the standard manner with a differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra structure and that the resulting algebra is the direct limit in DGDA . One thus obtains in particular that $d_2|_{R_k} = \delta_k$.

Finally, the morphism $q : R_V \rightarrow B$ comes from the universality property of the colimit and it allows to factor the morphisms $q_k : R_k \rightarrow B$ through R_V . We have: $q|_{R_k} = q_k$.

We will show that this morphism $A \otimes \mathcal{S}V \xrightarrow{q} B$ really leads to a ‘Cof – TrivFib’ decomposition $A \xrightarrow{j} A \otimes \mathcal{S}V \xrightarrow{q} B$ of $A \xrightarrow{\phi} B$.

Theorem 5. In $\mathbf{DGD}\mathbf{A}$, a functorial ‘*TrivCof – Fib*’ factorization (i, p) and a functorial ‘*Cof – TrivFib*’ factorization (j, q) of an arbitrary morphism

$$\phi : (A, d_A) \rightarrow (B, d_B) ,$$

see Figure 4, can be constructed as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A, d_A) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{i} & (A \boxtimes SU, d_1) \\ \downarrow j & \searrow \phi & \downarrow p \\ (A \boxtimes SV, d_2) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{q} & (B, d_B) \end{array}$$

Figure 4: Functorial factorizations

(1) The module U is the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module with homogeneous basis

$$\bigcup \{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{b_n}\} ,$$

where the union is over all $b_n \in B_n$ and all $n > 0$, and where $\deg(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = n - 1$ and $\deg(\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = n$. In other words, the module U is a direct sum of copies of the discs

$$D^n = \mathcal{D} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{b_n} \oplus \mathcal{D} \cdot s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n} ,$$

$n > 0$. The differentials

$$s^{-1} : D^n \ni \mathbb{I}_{b_n} \rightarrow s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n} \in D^n$$

induce a differential d_U in U , which in turn implements a differential d_S in SU . The differential d_1 is then given by $d_1 = d_A \otimes \text{id} + \text{id} \otimes d_S$. The trivial cofibration $i : A \rightarrow A \otimes SU$ is a minimal split RSDA defined by $i : \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{a} \otimes 1_\mathcal{O}$, and the fibration $p : A \otimes SU \rightarrow B$ is defined by $p = \mu_B \circ (\phi \otimes \varepsilon)$, where μ_B is the multiplication of B and where $\varepsilon(\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = b_n$ and $\varepsilon(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = d_B b_n$.

(2) The module V is the free non-negatively graded \mathcal{D} -module with homogeneous basis

$$\bigcup \{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}, \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^1, \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^2, \dots, \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k, \dots\} ,$$

where the union is over all $b_n \in B_n$, $n > 0$, all $\beta_n \in \ker_n d_B$, $n \geq 0$, and all pairs

$$(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}), n \geq 0, \text{ in } \mathfrak{B}_0, \mathfrak{B}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{B}_k, \dots,$$

respectively. The sequence of sets

$$\mathfrak{B}_{k-1} = \{(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) : \sigma_n \in \ker \delta_{k-1}, \mathbf{b}_{n+1} \in d_B^{-1}\{q_{k-1}\sigma_n\}, n \geq 0\}$$

is defined inductively, together with an increasing sequence of differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebras $(A \otimes SV_k, \delta_k)$ and a sequence of morphisms $q_k : A \otimes SV_k \rightarrow B$, by means of formulas of the type (38) - (42) (see also (32) - (36)). The degrees of the generators of V are

$$n - 1, n, n, n + 1, n + 1, \dots, n + 1, \dots \quad (45)$$

The differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra $(A \otimes \mathcal{SV}, d_2)$ is the colimit of the preceding increasing sequence of algebras:

$$d_2|_{A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_k} = \delta_k . \quad (46)$$

The trivial fibration $q : A \otimes \mathcal{SV} \rightarrow B$ is induced by the q_k -s via universality of the colimit:

$$q|_{A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_k} = q_k . \quad (47)$$

Eventually, the cofibration $j : A \rightarrow A \otimes \mathcal{SV}$ is a minimal (non-split) RSDA, which is defined as in (1) as the canonical inclusion; the canonical inclusion $j_k : A \rightarrow A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_k$, $k > 0$, is also a minimal (non-split) RSDA, whereas $j_0 : A \rightarrow A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_0$ is a minimal split RSDA.

Proof. See Appendix 6.2. □

Remark 1. • If we are content with a non-functorial ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorization, we may consider the colimit $A \otimes \mathcal{SV}$ of the sequence $A \otimes \mathcal{SV}_k$ that is obtained by adding only generators (see \triangleright_1)

$$\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad \dot{\beta}_n \simeq [\beta_n] \in H_n(B) ,$$

and by adding only generators (see \triangleright_2) and \triangleright_3)

$$\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^1, \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^2, \dots, \quad n \geq 0, \quad \sigma_n \in \mathcal{B}_0, \mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \mathcal{B}_0, \dots$$

- An explicit description of the functorial fibrant and cofibrant replacement functors, induced by the ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ decompositions of Theorem 5, can be found in Appendix 6.3.

5 First remarks on Koszul-Tate resolutions

In this last section, we provide first insight into Koszul-Tate resolutions. Given a polynomial partial differential equation acting on sections of a vector bundle, we obtain, via our preceding constructions, a Koszul-Tate resolution (KTR) of the corresponding algebra \mathcal{R} of on-shell functions. This resolution is a cofibrant replacement of \mathcal{R} in the appropriate undercategory of DGDA .

In a separate paper [PP16], we give a general and precise definition of Koszul-Tate resolutions. We further show in that work that the classical Tate extension of the Koszul resolution [HT92], the KTR implemented by a compatibility complex [Ver02], as well as our just mentioned and below detailed model categorical KTR, are Koszul-Tate resolutions in the sense of this improved definition. Eventually, we investigate the relationships between these three resolutions.

Hence, the present section should be viewed as an introduction to topics on which we will elaborate in [PP16].

5.1 Undercategories of model categories

Given a category \mathcal{C} and an object $C \in \mathcal{C}$, the **undercategory** or **coslice category** $C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$ is the category whose objects are the \mathcal{C} -morphisms $C \rightarrow D$ with source C , and whose morphisms between $C \rightarrow D_1$ and $C \rightarrow D_2$ are the \mathcal{C} -morphisms $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ such that the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ D_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D_2 \end{array}$$

commutes. Composition and units are defined in the obvious manner.

There is a forgetful functor $\text{For} : C \downarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ that associates to each $(C \downarrow \mathcal{C})$ -object its target and to each $(C \downarrow \mathcal{C})$ -morphism its base $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$. It is customary to write the objects A and morphisms t of the undercategory simply as $\text{For}(A)$ and $\text{For}(t)$ – whenever no confusion arises (think for instance about smooth vector bundles over a fixed smooth base manifold and corresponding bundle maps). If \mathcal{C} is cocomplete, the functor For has a left adjoint $L_{\amalg} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$, which takes a \mathcal{C} -object D to the morphism $C \rightarrow C \amalg D$ and a \mathcal{C} -morphism $f : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ to the commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ C \amalg D_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \amalg D_2 \end{array}$$

that is induced via universality by the canonical morphisms $i_{D_2} \circ f : D_1 \rightarrow C \amalg D_2$ and $i_C : C \rightarrow C \amalg D_2$.

Note also that $\text{id} : C \rightarrow C$ is the initial object in $C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$, and that, if \mathcal{C} has a terminal object \star , the unique morphism $C \rightarrow \star$ is the terminal object of $C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$.

The next proposition can be found in [Hir05].

Proposition 4. *If C is an object of a model category \mathcal{C} , the coslice category $C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$ is also a model category: a $(C \downarrow \mathcal{C})$ -morphism t is a cofibration, a fibration, or a weak equivalence, if $\text{For}(t)$ is a cofibration, a fibration, or a weak equivalence in \mathcal{C} . Moreover, if \mathcal{C} is cofibrantly generated with generating cofibrations I and generating trivial cofibrations J , the model category $C \downarrow \mathcal{C}$ is cofibrantly generated as well, with generating cofibrations $L_{\amalg}I$ and generating trivial cofibrations $L_{\amalg}J$.*

When recalling that the coproduct in DGDA is the tensor product, we deduce from Theorem 3 in [BPP15a] and from Proposition 4 above that:

Corollary 1. *For any differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra A , the coslice category $A \downarrow \text{DGDA}$ carries a cofibrantly generated model structure given by the adjoint pair $L_{\otimes} : \text{DGDA} \rightleftarrows A \downarrow \text{DGDA} : \text{For}$, in the sense that its distinguished morphism classes are defined by For and its generating cofibrations and generating trivial cofibrations are given by L_{\otimes} .*

Let us conclude by noting that for $A = \mathcal{O}$ the Quillen adjunction

$$L_{\otimes} : \mathrm{DGDA} \rightleftarrows \mathcal{O} \downarrow \mathrm{DGDA} : \mathrm{For}$$

is obviously an isomorphism of categories.

5.2 Basics of jet bundle formalism

The jet bundle formalism allows for a coordinate-free approach to partial differential equations (PDE-s), i.e., to (not necessarily linear) differential operators (DO-s) acting between sections of smooth vector bundles (the confinement to vector bundles does not appear in more advanced approaches). To uncover the main ideas, we implicitly consider in this subsection trivialized line bundles E over a 1-dimensional manifold X , i.e., we assume that $E \simeq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

The key-aspect of the jet bundle approach to PDE-s is the passage to purely algebraic equations. Consider the order k differential equation (DE)

$$F(t, \phi(t), d_t \phi, \dots, d_t^k \phi) = F(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)})|_{j^k \phi} = 0, \quad (48)$$

where $(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)})$ are coordinates of the k -th jet space $J^k E$ and where $j^k \phi$ is the k -jet of the section $\phi(t)$. Note that the algebraic equation

$$F(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)}) = 0 \quad (49)$$

defines a ‘surface’ $\mathcal{E}^k \subset J^k E$, and that a solution of the considered DE is nothing but a section $\phi(t)$ whose k -jet is located on \mathcal{E}^k .

A second fundamental feature is that one prefers replacing the original system of PDE-s by an enlarged system, its infinite prolongation, which also takes into account the consequences of the original one. More precisely, if $\phi(t)$ satisfies the original PDE, we have also

$$\begin{aligned} d_t^\ell (F(t, \phi(t), d_t \phi, \dots, d_t^k \phi)) &= (\partial_t + \phi' \partial_\phi + \phi'' \partial_{\phi'} + \dots)^\ell F(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)})|_{j^\infty \phi} =: \\ D_t^\ell F(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)})|_{j^\infty \phi} &= 0, \quad \forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Let us stress that the ‘total derivative’ D_t or horizontal lift D_t of d_t is actually an infinite sum. The two systems of PDE-s, (48) and (50), have clearly the same solutions, so we may focus just as well on (50). The corresponding algebraic system

$$D_t^\ell F(t, \phi, \phi', \dots, \phi^{(k)}) = 0, \quad \forall \ell \in \mathbb{N} \quad (51)$$

defines a ‘surface’ \mathcal{E}^∞ in the infinite jet bundle $\pi_\infty : J^\infty E \rightarrow X$. A solution of the original system (48) is now a section $\phi \in \Gamma(X, E)$ such that $(j^\infty \phi)(X) \subset \mathcal{E}^\infty$. The ‘surface’ \mathcal{E}^∞ is often referred to as the ‘stationary surface’ or the ‘shell’.

The just described passage from prolonged PDE-s to prolonged algebraic equations involves the lift of differential operators d_t^ℓ acting on $\mathcal{O}(X) = \Gamma(X, X \times \mathbb{R})$ (resp., sending – more generally – sections $\Gamma(X, G)$ of some vector bundle to sections $\Gamma(X, K)$), to horizontal differential

operators D_t^ℓ acting on $\mathcal{O}(J^\infty E)$ (resp., acting from $\Gamma(J^\infty E, \pi_\infty^* G)$ to $\Gamma(J^\infty E, \pi_\infty^* K)$). As seen from Equation (50), this lift is defined by

$$(D_t^\ell F) \circ j^\infty \phi = d_t^\ell(F \circ j^\infty \phi)$$

(note that composites of the type $F \circ j^\infty \phi$, where F is a section of the pullback bundle $\pi_\infty^* G$, are sections of G). The interesting observation is that the jet bundle formalism naturally leads to a systematic base change $X \rightsquigarrow J^\infty E$. The remark is fundamental in the sense that both, the classical Koszul-Tate resolution (i.e., the Tate extension of the Koszul resolution of a regular surface) and Verbovetsky's Koszul-Tate resolution (i.e., the resolution induced by the compatibility complex of the linearization of the equation), use the jet formalism to resolve on-shell functions $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^\infty)$, and thus enclose the base change $\bullet \rightarrow X \rightsquigarrow \bullet \rightarrow J^\infty E$. This means, dually, that we pass from \mathbf{DGDA} , i.e., from the coslice category $\mathcal{O}(X) \downarrow \mathbf{DGDA}$ to the coslice category $\mathcal{O}(J^\infty E) \downarrow \mathbf{DGDA}$.

5.3 Revision of the classical Koszul-Tate resolution

We first recall the local construction of the **Koszul resolution** of the function algebra $\mathcal{O}(\Sigma)$ of a regular surface $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Such a surface Σ , say of codimension r , can locally always be described – in appropriate coordinates – by the equations

$$\Sigma : x^a = 0, \forall a \in \{1, \dots, r\}. \quad (52)$$

The Koszul resolution of $\mathcal{O}(\Sigma)$ is then the chain complex made of the free Grassmann algebra

$$K = \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes \mathcal{S}[\phi^{a*}]$$

on r odd generators ϕ^{a*} – associated to the equations (52) – and of the Koszul differential

$$\delta_K = x^a \partial_{\phi^{a*}}. \quad (53)$$

Of course, the claim that this complex is a resolution of $\mathcal{O}(\Sigma)$ means that the homology of (K, δ_K) is given by

$$H_0(K) = \mathcal{O}(\Sigma) \quad \text{and} \quad H_k(K) = 0, \forall k > 0. \quad (54)$$

The **Koszul-Tate resolution** of the algebra $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^\infty)$ of on-shell functions is a generalization of the preceding Koszul resolution. In gauge field theory (our main target), \mathcal{E}^∞ is the stationary surface given by a system

$$\mathcal{E}^\infty : D_x^\alpha F_i = 0, \forall \alpha, i \quad (55)$$

of prolonged algebraized (see (51)) Euler-Lagrange equations that correspond to some action functional (here $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^p$). However, there is a difference between the situations (52) and (55): in the latter, there exist gauge symmetries that implement Noether identities and their extensions – i.e., extensions

$$D_x^\beta G_{j\alpha}^i D_x^\alpha F_i = 0, \forall \beta, j \quad (56)$$

of $\mathcal{O}(J^\infty E)$ -linear relations $G_{j\alpha}^i D_x^\alpha F_i = 0$ between the equations $D_x^\alpha F_i = 0$ of \mathcal{E}^∞ –, which do not have any counterpart in the former. It turns out that, to kill the homology (see (54)), we must introduce additional generators that take into account these relations. More precisely, we do not only associate degree 1 generators $\phi_i^{\alpha*}$ to the equations (55), but assign further degree 2 generators $C_j^{\beta*}$ to the relations (56). The Koszul-Tate resolution of $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^\infty)$ is then (under appropriate irreducibility and regularity conditions) the chain complex, whose chains are the elements of the free Grassmann algebra

$$\text{KT} = \mathcal{O}(J^\infty E) \otimes \mathcal{S}[\phi_i^{\alpha*}, C_j^{\beta*}] , \quad (57)$$

and whose differential is defined in analogy with (53) by

$$\delta_{\text{KT}} = D_x^\alpha F_i \partial_{\phi_i^{\alpha*}} + D_x^\beta G_{j\alpha}^i D_x^\alpha \phi_i^* \partial_{C_j^{\beta*}} , \quad (58)$$

where we substituted ϕ_i^* to F_i (and where total derivatives have to be interpreted in the extended sense that puts the ‘antifields’ ϕ_i^* and C_j^* on an equal footing with the ‘fields’ ϕ^k (fiber coordinates of E)). The homology of this Koszul-Tate chain complex is actually concentrated in degree 0, where it coincides with $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^\infty)$ (compare with (54)).

5.4 \mathcal{D} -algebraic version of the Koszul-Tate resolution

In this subsection, we briefly report on the \mathcal{D} -algebraic approach to ‘Koszul-Tate’ (see [PP16] for additional details).

Proposition 5. *The functor*

$$\text{For} : \mathcal{DA} \rightarrow \mathcal{OA}$$

has a left adjoint

$$\mathcal{J}^\infty : \mathcal{OA} \rightarrow \mathcal{DA} ,$$

i.e., for $B \in \mathcal{OA}$ and $A \in \mathcal{DA}$, we have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{DA}}(\mathcal{J}^\infty(B), A) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{OA}}(B, \text{For}(A)) , \quad (59)$$

functorially in A, B .

Let now $\pi : E \rightarrow X$ be a smooth map of smooth affine algebraic varieties (or a smooth vector bundle). The function algebra $B = \mathcal{O}(E)$ (in the vector bundle case, we only consider those smooth functions on E that are polynomial along the fibers, i.e., $\mathcal{O}(E) := \Gamma(SE^*)$) is canonically an \mathcal{O} -algebra, so that the jet algebra $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$ is a \mathcal{D} -algebra. The latter can be thought of as the \mathcal{D} -algebraic counterpart of $\mathcal{O}(J^\infty E)$. Just as we considered above a scalar PDE with unknown in $\Gamma(E)$ as a function $F \in \mathcal{O}(J^\infty E)$ (see (49)), an element $P \in \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$ can be viewed as a polynomial PDE acting on sections of $\pi : E \rightarrow X$. Finally, the \mathcal{D} -algebraic version of on-shell functions $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}^\infty) = \mathcal{O}(J^\infty E)/(F)$ is the quotient $\mathcal{R}(E, P) := \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))/(P)$ of the jet \mathcal{D} -algebra by the \mathcal{D} -ideal (P) .

A first candidate for a Koszul-Tate resolution of $\mathcal{R} := \mathcal{R}(E, P) \in \mathcal{DA}$ is of course the cofibrant replacement of \mathcal{R} in \mathbf{DGDA} given by the functorial ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorization of Theorem 5, when applied to the canonical \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$. Indeed, this decomposition implements a functorial cofibrant replacement functor Q (see Theorem 6 below) with value $Q(\mathcal{R}) = SV$ described in Theorem 5:

$$\mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow SV \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{R}.$$

Since \mathcal{R} is concentrated in degree 0 and has 0 differential, it is clear that $H_k(SV)$ vanishes, except in degree 0 where it coincides with \mathcal{R} .

As already mentioned, we propose a general and precise definition of a Koszul-Tate resolution in [PP16]. Although such a definition does not seem to exist in the literature, it is commonly accepted that a Koszul-Tate resolution of the quotient of a commutative ring k by an ideal I is an k -algebra that resolves k/I .

The natural idea – to get a $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$ -algebra – is to replace SV by $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \otimes SV$, and, more precisely, to consider the ‘Cof – TrivFib’ decomposition

$$\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \otimes SV \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))/(P).$$

The \mathbf{DGDA}

$$\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \otimes SV \tag{60}$$

is a $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$ -**algebra** that **resolves** $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))/(P)$, but it is of course *not* a cofibrant replacement, since the left algebra is not the initial object \mathcal{O} in \mathbf{DGDA} (further, the considered factorization does not canonically induce a cofibrant replacement in \mathbf{DGDA} , since it can be shown that the morphism $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$ is not a cofibration). However, as emphasized above, the Koszul-Tate problem requires a passage from \mathbf{DGDA} to $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \downarrow \mathbf{DGDA}$. It is easily checked that, in the latter undercategory, $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E)) \otimes SV$ is a **cofibrant replacement** of $\mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))/(P)$. To further illuminate the \mathcal{D} -algebraic approach to Koszul-Tate, let us mention why the complex (57) is of the same type as (60). Just as the variables $\phi^{(k)}$ (see (48)) are algebraizations of the derivatives $d_t^k \phi$ of a section ϕ of a vector bundle $E \rightarrow X$ (fields), the generators $\phi_i^{\alpha*}$ and $C_j^{\beta*}$ (see (55) and (56)) symbolize the total derivatives $D_x^\alpha \phi_i^*$ and $D_x^\beta C_j^*$ of sections ϕ^* and C^* of some vector bundles $\pi_\infty^* F_1 \rightarrow J^\infty E$ and $\pi_\infty^* F_2 \rightarrow J^\infty E$ (antifields). Hence, the $\phi_i^{\alpha*}$ and $C_j^{\beta*}$ can be thought of as the horizontal jet bundle coordinates of $\pi_\infty^* F_1$ and $\pi_\infty^* F_2$. These coordinates may of course be denoted by other symbols, e.g., by $\partial_x^\alpha \cdot \phi_i^*$ and $\partial_x^\beta \cdot C_j^*$, provided we define the \mathcal{D} -action as the action $D_x^\alpha \phi_i^*$ and $D_x^\beta C_j^*$ by the corresponding horizontal lift, so that we get appropriate interpretations when the ϕ_i^* -s and the C_j^* -s are the components of true sections. This convention allows to write

$$\text{KT} = J \otimes \mathcal{S}[\partial_x^\alpha \cdot \phi_i^*, \partial_x^\beta \cdot C_j^*] = J \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{O}}(\oplus_i \mathcal{D} \cdot \phi_i^* \oplus \oplus_j \mathcal{D} \cdot C_j^*),$$

where $J = \mathcal{J}^\infty(\mathcal{O}(E))$, so that the space (57) is really of the type (60). Let us emphasize that (57) and (60), although of the same type, are of course not equal (for instance, the classical Koszul-Tate resolution is far from being functorial). For further details, see [PP16].

6 Appendix

6.1 Small object argument

The ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorizations of a cofibrantly generated model category can be constructed in a functorial way. The constructions use an *argument* that is based on the fact that the sources of the morphisms in I and J are *small objects* – the so-called small object argument (SOA), which goes back to Quillen. Although this argument is described elsewhere in the literature, we provide a compact description that allows to compare our \mathbf{DGDA} -specific factorizations with the general SOA-factorizations.

In the following, \mathbf{C} is just a category with all small colimits, W is a set of \mathbf{C} -morphisms, whose sources are sequentially small, see [BPP15a, Sections 8.5 and 8.6]. Our goal is to decompose any \mathbf{C} -morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ as $A \xrightarrow{j} C \xrightarrow{q} B$, where $q \in \text{RLP}(W)$ (we will not show that this factorization leads to functorial ‘TrivCof – Fib’ and ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorizations).

The intermediate object C and the morphism q will be constructed as the colimit of an ω -sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{j_0} & C_0 & \xrightarrow{j_1} & \dots & \xrightarrow{j_n} & C_n & \xrightarrow{j_{n+1}} & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{j_{n+2}} & \dots & C \\ f \downarrow & & q_0 \downarrow & & & & q_n \downarrow & & q_{n+1} \downarrow & & & q \downarrow \\ B & = & B & = & & = & B & = & B & = & \dots & B \end{array} \quad (61)$$

The construction starts with the first commutative square in the preceding diagram, where $(C_0, j_0, q_0) = (A, \text{id}, f)$. Assume now that the construction is done up to the commutative square (C_n, j_n, q_n) inclusively, set as usual $j_{n0} = j_n \circ \dots \circ j_0$, and memorize that $q_n \circ j_{n0} = f$.

Before constructing the commutative square $(C_{n+1}, j_{n+1}, q_{n+1})$, recall that we wish to get $q \in \text{RLP}(W)$, i.e., that any commutative square of \mathbf{C} -morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{\phi} & C \\ w \downarrow & \nearrow \ell & \downarrow q \\ V & \xrightarrow{\psi} & B \end{array}$$

with $w \in W$ must admit a lift ℓ . In other words, we have to build the colimit C in such a way that this lift does exist. Note now that, since U is sequentially small, the morphism $\phi : U \rightarrow C = \text{colim}_n C_n$ will factor through some stage of the colimit, i.e., that ϕ will be the composite of a morphism $\phi_n : U \rightarrow C_n$ and the transfinite composite $j_{\infty n} = \dots \circ j_{n+2} \circ j_{n+1} : C_n \rightarrow C$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc} U & \xrightarrow{\phi_n} & C_n & \xrightarrow{j_{n+1}} & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{j_{n+2}} & \dots & C \\ w \downarrow & & q_n \downarrow & & q_{n+1} \downarrow & & & q \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{\psi} & B & = & B & = & \dots & B \end{array} \quad (62)$$

Therefore, we define the commutative square $(C_{n+1}, j_{n+1}, q_{n+1})$ as follows. Let S be the set of all commutative squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
U & \longrightarrow & C_n \\
w \downarrow & & \downarrow q_n \\
V & \longrightarrow & B
\end{array}$$

with $w \in W$. Due to universality of a coproduct, we then get a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\coprod_S U & \longrightarrow & C_n \\
\coprod_S w \downarrow & & \downarrow q_n \\
\coprod_S V & \longrightarrow & B
\end{array}$$

We now define C_{n+1} to be the pushout of the upper and left arrows of the latter square, and obtain morphisms $j_{n+1} : C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$ and $\ell_{n+1} : \coprod_S V \rightarrow C_{n+1}$, and, in view of universality of a pushout, a morphism $q_{n+1} : C_{n+1} \rightarrow B$ such that, in particular, $q_{n+1} \circ j_{n+1} = q_n$, with the result that $q_{n+1} \circ j_{n+1,0} = q_n \circ j_{n0} = f$.

This leads to the commutative diagram (61). We take its colimit, i.e., we set $C = \operatorname{colim}_n C_n$ and get $j_{\infty} : C_n \rightarrow C$ and $j = j_{\infty} \circ j_{n0} : A \rightarrow C$, as well as, from the universality of a colimit, $q : C \rightarrow B$ such that $q \circ j_{\infty} = q_n$. Hence, the factorization

$$f = q_n \circ j_{n0} = q \circ j_{\infty} \circ j_{n0} = q \circ j.$$

To show that $q \in \operatorname{RLP}(W)$, consider a commutative square $q \circ \phi = \psi \circ w$ as above. Since $\phi = j_{\infty} \circ \phi_n$ and $q \circ j_{\infty} = q_n$, it induces a commutative square $q_n \circ \phi_n = \psi \circ w$ as in Figure (62), which is used to build the pushout C_{n+1} . Hence, a morphism $\ell_{n+1} : V \rightarrow C_{n+1}$ and a morphism $\ell = j_{\infty, n+1} \circ \ell_{n+1} : V \rightarrow C$. The latter is quite easily seen to be the searched lift.

6.2 Proof of Theorem 5

The proof of functoriality of the decompositions will be given in Appendix 6.3. Thus, only Part (2) requires immediate explanations. We use again the above-introduced notation $R_k = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_k$; we also set $R = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V$. The multiplication in R_k (resp., in R) will be denoted by \diamond_k (resp., \diamond).

To show that j is a minimal RSDA, we have to check that A is a differential graded \mathcal{D} -subalgebra of R , that the basis of V is indexed by a well-ordered set, that d_2 is lowering, and that the minimality condition (7) is satisfied.

The main idea to keep in mind is that $R = \bigcup_k R_k$ – so that any element of R belongs to some R_k in the increasing sequence $R_0 \subset R_1 \subset \dots$ – and that the DGDA structure on R is defined in the standard manner. For instance, the product of $\mathfrak{a} \otimes X, \mathfrak{b} \otimes Y \in R \cap R_k$ is defined by

$$(\mathfrak{a} \otimes X) \diamond (\mathfrak{b} \otimes Y) = (\mathfrak{a} \otimes X) \diamond_k (\mathfrak{b} \otimes Y) = (-1)^{\tilde{X}\tilde{\mathfrak{b}}} (\mathfrak{a} * \mathfrak{b}) \otimes (X \odot Y),$$

where ‘tilde’ (resp., $*$) denotes as usual the degree (resp., the multiplication in A). It follows that \diamond restricts on A to $*$. Similarly, $d_2|_A = \delta_0|_A = d_A$, in view of (46) and (34). Finally, we see that A satisfies actually the mentioned subalgebra condition.

We now order the basis of V . First, we well-order, for any fixed generator degree $m \in \mathbb{N}$ (see (45)), the sets

$$\{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_{m+1}}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{b_m}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{\beta_m}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{m-1}, \mathfrak{b}_m}^1\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{m-1}, \mathfrak{b}_m}^2\}, \dots \quad (63)$$

of degree m generators of a given type (for $m = 0$, only the sets $\{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_1}\}$ and $\{\mathbb{I}_{\beta_0}\}$ are non-empty). We totally order the set of all degree m generators by totally ordering its partition (63):

$$\{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_{m+1}}\} < \{\mathbb{I}_{b_m}\} < \{\mathbb{I}_{\beta_m}\} < \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{m-1}, \mathfrak{b}_m}^1\} < \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{m-1}, \mathfrak{b}_m}^2\} < \dots$$

A total order on the set of all generators (of all degrees) is now obtained by declaring that any generator of degree m is smaller than any generator of degree $m + 1$. This total order is a well-ordering, since no infinite descending sequence exists in the set of all generators. Observe that our well-order respects the degree (in the sense of (7)).

Finally, the differential d_2 sends the first and third types of generators (see (63)) to 0 and it maps the second type to the first. Hence, so far d_2 is lowering. Further, we have

$$d_2(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{m-1}, \mathfrak{b}_m}^k) = \sigma_{m-1} \in (R_{k-1})_{m-1},$$

where $m - 1$ refers to the term of degree $m - 1$ in R_{k-1} . Since this term is generated by the generators

$$\{s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_{\ell+1}}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{b_\ell}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{\beta_\ell}\}, \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{\ell-1}, \mathfrak{b}_\ell}^1\}, \dots, \{\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_{\ell-1}, \mathfrak{b}_\ell}^{k-1}\},$$

where $\ell < m$, the differential d_2 is definitely lowering.

It remains to verify that the described construction yields a morphism $q : A \otimes SV \rightarrow B$ that is actually a trivial fibration.

Since fibrations are exactly the morphisms that are surjective in all positive degrees, and since $q|R_U = q_0|R_U = p$ is degree-wise surjective, it is clear that q is a fibration. As for triviality, let $[\beta_n] \in H(B, d_B)$, $n \geq 0$. Since $\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n} \in \ker \delta_0 \subset \ker d_2$, the homology class $[\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}] \in H(R, d_2)$ makes sense; moreover,

$$H(q)[\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}] = [q\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}] = [q_0\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}] = [\beta_n],$$

so that $H(q)$ is surjective. Eventually, let $[\sigma_n] \in H(R, d_2)$ and assume that $H(q)[\sigma_n] = 0$, i.e., that $q\sigma_n \in \text{im } d_B$. Since there is a lowest $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sigma_n \in R_k$, we have $\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_k$ and $q_k\sigma_n = d_B\mathfrak{b}_{n+1}$, for some $\mathfrak{b}_{n+1} \in B_{n+1}$. Hence, a pair $(\sigma_n, \mathfrak{b}_{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{B}_k$ and a generator $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathfrak{b}_{n+1}}^{k+1} \in R_{k+1} \subset R$. Since

$$\sigma_n = \delta_{k+1}\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathfrak{b}_{n+1}}^{k+1} = d_2\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathfrak{b}_{n+1}}^{k+1},$$

we obtain that $[\sigma_n] = 0$ and that $H(q)$ is injective.

6.3 Explicit fibrant and cofibrant functorial replacement functors

(1) We proved already [BPP15a, Theorem 4] that the factorization $(i, p) = (i(\phi), p(\phi))$ of the \mathbf{DGDA} -morphisms ϕ , described in Theorem 5, is functorial, i.e., that, for any commutative \mathbf{DGDA} -square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\ \downarrow u & & \downarrow v \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & B' \end{array}, \quad (64)$$

there is a commutative \mathbf{DGDA} -diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A \otimes SU & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow u & \searrow i(\phi) & \downarrow w & \searrow p(\phi) & \downarrow v \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A' \otimes SU' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B' \end{array} \quad (65)$$

The \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism w is given by $w = u \otimes \tilde{v}$, where \tilde{v} is the \mathbf{DGDA} -morphism $\tilde{v} : SU \rightarrow SU'$ defined by

$$\tilde{v}(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{v(b_n)} \in SU' \text{ and } \tilde{v}(\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = \mathbb{I}_{v(b_n)} \in SU'.$$

Proposition 6. *In \mathbf{DGDA} , the functorial fibrant replacement functor R , which is induced by the functorial ‘TrivCof – Fib’ factorization (i, p) of Theorem 5, is the identity functor: $R = \text{id}$. In particular, all objects are fibrant.*

Proof. When applying the decomposition (i, p) to the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{z_A} & \{0\} \\ \downarrow u & & \downarrow 0 \\ A' & \xrightarrow{z_{A'}} & \{0\} \end{array}, \quad (66)$$

we get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A \otimes \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \{0\} \\ \downarrow u & \searrow i_A & \downarrow u \otimes \text{id} & \searrow z_{A \otimes \mathcal{O}} & \downarrow 0 \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A' \otimes \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \{0\} \end{array} \quad (67)$$

It follows that the functorial fibrant replacement functor R maps A (resp., u) to $R(A) = A \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{O} \simeq A$ (resp., $R(u) = u \otimes \text{id} \simeq u$). \square

(2) To finish the proof of Theorem 5, we still have to show that the factorization (j, q) is functorial, i.e., that for any commutative \mathbf{DGDA} -square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\ \downarrow u & & \downarrow v \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & B' \end{array}, \quad (68)$$

there is a commutative \mathbf{DGDA} -diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{j:=j(\phi)} & A \otimes \mathcal{S}V & \xrightarrow{\sim q:=q(\phi)} & B \\
 u \downarrow & & \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow v \\
 A' & \xrightarrow{j':=j(\phi')} & A' \otimes \mathcal{S}V' & \xrightarrow{\sim q':=q(\phi')} & B'
 \end{array} . \quad (69)$$

Let us stress that the following proof fails, if we use the non-functorial factorization mentioned in Remark 1 (the critical spots are marked by \triangleleft).

Just as we constructed in Section 4, the RSDA $R = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V$ (resp., $R' = A' \otimes \mathcal{S}V'$) as the colimit of a sequence $R_k = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_k$ (resp., $R'_k = A' \otimes \mathcal{S}V'_k$), we will build $\omega \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R, R')$ as the colimit of a sequence

$$\omega_k \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R_k, R'_k) . \quad (70)$$

Recall moreover that q is the colimit of a sequence $q_k \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R_k, B)$, and that j is nothing but $j_k \in \mathbf{DGDA}(A, R_k)$ viewed as valued in the supalgebra R – and similarly for q', q'_k, j', j'_k . Since we look for a morphism ω that makes the left and right squares of the diagram (69) commutative, we will construct ω_k so that

$$\omega_k j_k = j'_k u \quad \text{and} \quad v q_k = q'_k \omega_k . \quad (71)$$

Since the RSDA $A \rightarrow R_0 = A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_0$ is split, we define

$$\omega_0 \in \mathbf{DGDA}(A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_0, R'_0)$$

as

$$\omega_0 = j'_0 u \diamond_0 w_0 , \quad (72)$$

where we denoted the multiplication in R'_0 by the same symbol \diamond_0 as the multiplication in R_0 , where $j'_0 u \in \mathbf{DGDA}(A, R'_0)$, and where $w_0 \in \mathbf{DGDA}(\mathcal{S}V_0, R'_0)$. As the differential δ_{V_0} , see Section 4, has been obtained via [BPP15a, Lemma 1], the morphism w_0 can be built as described in [BPP15a, Lemma 2]: we set

$$w_0(s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = s^{-1}\mathbb{I}_{v(b_n)} \in V'_0, \quad w_0(\mathbb{I}_{b_n}) = \mathbb{I}_{v(b_n)} \in V'_0, \quad \text{and} \quad w_0(\mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}) = \mathbb{I}_{v(\beta_n)} \in V'_0, \quad (73)$$

and easily check that $w_0 \delta_{V_0} = \delta'_0 w_0$ on the generators. The first commutation condition (71) is obviously satisfied. As for the verification of the second condition, let $t = \mathbf{a} \otimes x_1 \odot \dots \odot x_\ell \in A \otimes \mathcal{S}V_0$ and remember (see (36)) that $q_0 = \phi \star q_{V_0}$ and $q'_0 = \phi' \star q_{V'_0}$, where we denoted again the multiplications in B and B' by the same symbol \star . Then

$$v q_0(t) = v \phi(\mathbf{a}) \star v q_{V_0}(x_1) \star \dots \star v q_{V_0}(x_\ell)$$

and

$$q'_0 \omega_0(t) = q'_0 j'_0 u(\mathbf{a}) \star q'_0 w_0(x_1) \star \dots \star q'_0 w_0(x_\ell) = \phi' u(\mathbf{a}) \star q'_0 w_0(x_1) \star \dots \star q'_0 w_0(x_\ell) .$$

It thus suffices to show that $v q_{V_0} = q'_0 w_0$ on the generators $s^{-1} \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{b_n}, \mathbb{I}_{\beta_n}$ of V_0 , what follows from Equations (35) and (73) (\triangleleft_1).

Assume now that the ω_ℓ have been constructed according to the requirements (70) and (71), for all $\ell \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$, and build their extension

$$\omega_k \in \text{DGDA}(R_k, R'_k)$$

as follows. Since ω_{k-1} , viewed as valued in R'_k , is a morphism $\omega_{k-1} \in \text{DGDA}(R_{k-1}, R'_k)$ and since the differential δ_k of $R_k \simeq R_{k-1} \otimes \mathcal{S}G_k$, where G_k is the free \mathcal{D} -module

$$G_k = \langle \mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k : (\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{B}_{k-1} \rangle ,$$

has been defined by means of Lemma 1, the morphism ω_k is, in view of the same lemma, completely defined by degree $n+1$ values

$$\omega_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k) \in \delta_k'^{-1}(\omega_{k-1} \delta_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k)) .$$

As the last condition reads

$$\delta_k' \omega_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k) = \omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n) ,$$

it is natural to set

$$\omega_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k) = \mathbb{I}_{\omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n), v(\mathbf{b}_{n+1})}^k , \quad (74)$$

provided we have

$$(\omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n), v(\mathbf{b}_{n+1})) \in \mathfrak{B}'_{k-1} \quad (\triangleleft_2) .$$

This requirement means that $\delta_{k-1}' \omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n) = 0$ and that $q'_{k-1} \omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n) = d_{B'} v(\mathbf{b}_{n+1})$. To see that both conditions hold, it suffices to remember that $(\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}) \in \mathfrak{B}_{k-1}$, that ω_{k-1} commutes with the differentials, and that it satisfies the second equation (71). Hence the searched morphism $\omega_k \in \text{DGDA}(R_k, R'_k)$, such that $\omega_k|_{R_{k-1}} = \omega_{k-1}$ (where the RHS is viewed as valued in R'_k). To finish the construction of ω_k , we must still verify that ω_k complies with (71). The first commutation relation is clearly satisfied. For the second, we consider

$$r_k = r_{k-1} \otimes g_1 \odot \dots \odot g_\ell \in R_{k-1} \otimes \mathcal{S}G_k$$

and proceed as above: recalling that ω_k and q_k have been defined via Equation (11) in Lemma 1, that q'_k and v are algebra morphisms, and that ω_{k-1} satisfies (71), we see that it suffices to check that $q'_k \omega_k = v q_k$ on the generators $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}}^k$ – what follows immediately from the definitions (\triangleleft_3).

Remember now that $((R, d_2), i_r)$ is the direct limit of the direct system $((R_k, \delta_k), \iota_{sr})$, i.e., that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} R_0 & \xrightarrow{\iota_{10}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\iota_{k,k-1}} & R_k & \xrightarrow{\iota_{k+1,k}} & \dots \\ & \searrow i_0 & & & \swarrow i_k & & \\ & & R & & & & \end{array} \quad (75)$$

where all arrows are canonical inclusions, and that the same holds for $((R', d'_2), i'_r)$ and $((R'_k, \delta'_k), \iota'_{sr})$. Since the just defined morphisms ω_k provide morphisms $i'_k \omega_k \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R_k, R')$ (such that the required commutations hold – as $\omega_k|_{R_0} = \omega_0$), it follows from universality that there is a unique morphism $\omega \in \mathbf{DGDA}(R, R')$, such that $\omega i_k = i'_k \omega_k$, i.e., such that

$$\omega|_{R_k} = \omega_k . \quad (76)$$

When using the last result, one easily concludes that $\omega j = j' u$ and $v q = q' \omega$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.

Remark 2. *The preceding proof of functoriality fails for the factorization of Remark 1. The latter adds only one new generator $\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n}$ for each homology class $\dot{\beta}_n \simeq [\beta_n]$, and it adds only one new generator $\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^k$ for each $\sigma_n \in \mathcal{B}_{k-1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{k-2}$, where*

$$\mathcal{B}_r = \{\sigma_n \in \ker \delta_r : q_r \sigma_n \in \text{im } d_B, n \geq 0\} .$$

In (\triangleleft_1) , we then get that $v q_{V_0}(\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n})$ and $q'_0 w_0(\mathbb{I}_{\dot{\beta}_n})$ are homologous, but not necessarily equal. In (\triangleleft_2) , although $\sigma_n \in \mathcal{B}_{k-1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{k-2}$, its image $\omega_{k-1}(\sigma_n) \in \mathcal{B}'_{k-1}$ may also belong to \mathcal{B}'_{k-2} . Eventually, in (\triangleleft_3) , we find that $v q_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^k)$ and $q'_k \omega_k(\mathbb{I}_{\sigma_n}^k)$ differ by a cycle, but do not necessarily coincide.

The next result describes cofibrant replacements.

Theorem 6. *In \mathbf{DGDA} , the functorial cofibrant replacement functor Q , which is induced by the functorial ‘Cof – TrivFib’ factorization (j, q) described in Theorem 5, is defined on objects $B \in \mathbf{DGDA}$ by $Q(B) = \mathcal{SV}_B$, see Theorem 5 and set $A = \mathcal{O}$, and on morphisms $v \in \mathbf{DGDA}(B, B')$ by $Q(v) = \omega$, see Equations (76), (74), and (73), and set $\omega_0 = w_0$. Moreover, the differential graded \mathcal{D} -algebra \mathcal{SV}_B , see Proposition 1 and set $A = \mathcal{O}$, is a cofibrant replacement of B .*

Proof. Since the initial object in \mathbf{DGDA} is $(\mathcal{O}, 0)$, it suffices to apply the afore-detailed construction of the commutative diagram (69) to the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{I_B} & B \\ \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow v \\ \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{I_{B'}} & B' \end{array} , \quad (77)$$

where I_B is defined by $I_B(1_{\mathcal{O}}) = 1_B$, and similarly for $I_{B'}$. □

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